

## Wildlife Week 2011-Education Reports

### University of Lucknow Celebrated Wildlife Week

The Department of Zoology, University of Lucknow organized Wildlife Week from 1-7 October in Collaboration with "Z.O.O.'s Educator Network" ZEN and Regional Science City, Lucknow. The programme was conducted at RSC, involving high school students, graduates, postgraduates, N.S.S, N.C.C. and Bharat Scouts' & Guides, Lucknow University and other 9 colleges and 18 schools. Resource persons were academics from RSC, University of Lucknow and the Department of Forest. Zoo Outreach Organisation provided Lion-tailed Macaque colour posters, amphibian, bats and bear education packet to the students attending. They were divided into three groups and competitions organized: short essay on wildlife crime, debate on "Keeping animals as pet ethical or non ethical!", Poems on wildlife themes, art, greeting cards and slogan writing on wildlife themes, face painting, fancy dress and Rangoli with the theme animals in Indian culture. Lectures on wildlife and biodiversity Conservation, vulture Conservation and wildlife crime were delivered. **Submitted by: Dr. Amita Kanaujia, Email: kanaujia.amita@gmail.com**

### Wildlife Week Celebration 2011 at Tata Steel Zoological Park, Jamshedpur

Every year, Tata, Jamshedpur celebrates Wildlife Week and this year did with the same enthusiasm from 2-9 October with different theme based programmes. It was inaugurated on 2 October by Mr. K. K. Chatterjee IFS, Rg CCF, Jharkhand. Nearly 500 students from 40-50 schools participated. Prizes for winners of competitions included cash prize, trophy or mementos and given certificate. The programmes were based on three major campaigns as suggested by WAZA and ZOO: International Year of Forests (2011), Year of the Bat (2011-2012), and the UN Decade on Biodiversity (2011-2020). Tata Zoo designed all the activities accordingly. The theme of the Essay Writing competition was "Forest a necessity for survival of humankind". Similarly debate and Quiz competitions were



**Participants posing with ZOO's education kits at the Lucknow University programme**



**Students making colourful bear posters at the TATA zoo programme**

theme based : "Bats- nuisance species or service provider in ecosystem". Quiz topic was "Biodiversity and Indian Wildlife". Standard VI- VII was allotted the topic Sloth bear in the Forest. The children enjoyed the informative educational materials provided by the Zoo Outreach Organization. Sponsors were SMV Beverages PEPSI, Chhaganlal Dayaljee, Lions Club of Jamshedpur Steel City, Rotary Club of Jamshedpur Steel City, Inner Wheel

Club of Jamshedpur, private citizens and others. **Submitted by: S. K. Mahato, Curator. Email: skmahato196@rediffmail.com**

### RMNH, Bhopal, MP – Amphibian, Bat, Bear and Elephant Awareness programmes

Regional Museum of Natural History, Bhopal organized two awareness



**Students encouraged to support refuse bear dancing by committing themselves at the RMNH, Bhopal**

programmes on "Bats & Biodiversity and Frogs are part of Biodiversity" at "Pragya School, Rajharsh Colony" on 18 October 2011. Eighty enthusiastic students from class 9-12 participated in this programme and expressed their solidarity towards animal welfare. Biological control was the buzzword. Besides, programme on "Bears, Forests & Biodiversity and Elephant

Etiquette" was organized in the same school on 20 October 2011. Sixty enthusiastic students from class 5-8 participated in this programme and expressed their solidarity towards animal welfare. Shri. Manik Lal Gupta, Museum Assistant gave a detailed lecture on bats, their characteristics, and their ecological role in regeneration of forests and biological

control. Similarly, Frogs are part of Biodiversity" and appealed to students to protect their habitat and avoid using pollutants. He related much information about bear conservation and the specific use of their claws and nose. Students were encouraged to refuse to support bear dancing and also purchase materials made of bear products. Elephants were also covered and student warned never to go close to elephant. Study materials received from Zoo Outreach Organisation, e.g., mask, posters and booklets were used. **Submitted by Dr. S. Sethuramalingam, Scientist- E, RMNH, Bhopal. Email: rmnhsethu@bsnl.in**

**Wildlife Week 2011 with the support of ZOO - Activity Report**

WWF-India, Kerala State Office observed Wildlife Week 2011 with the support of Zoo Outreach Organization (ZOO) at KPSMMV HSS, Palakkad on 7 October with the participation of around 150 students from nearby five schools. The event included awareness sessions, wildlife quiz, painting, and essay writing competitions for all students. The event was inaugurated



**The role of bats in ecological restoration and other facts elucidated in a dedicated bat awareness programme**

by Mr. S. Guruvayurappan, South India Coordinator, Wildlife Protection Society of India (WPSI). He also led the technical session on Wildlife of Kerala. All the participants were provided with the education materials on bats, bears, and amphibians etc. from the Zoo Outreach Organization (ZOO), Coimbatore. Posters also were exhibited at the venue and distributed to participated schools for their notice board. **Submitted by: A.K. Sivakumar, Email: sivanpalode@gmail.com**

### Wildlife Celebration in Goa by the Wildlife and Eco-Tourism Division

Wildlife Week was celebrated by Wildlife and Eco-Tourism (South) Division with a variety of programmes. The two hundred packets supplied by ZOO along with our own material was very much useful in organizing the celebration. The Division, which has jurisdiction of two Wildlife Sanctuaries i.e., Cotigao Wildlife Sanctuary and Netravali Wildlife Sanctuary conducted various programmes during the week including nature camps for students in these sanctuaries. On 04 October a nature camp for students of Government High School Netravali Sanguem was arranged. A total of 51 School Children and 3 teachers from 5-9 standard attended the camp. During a daylong programme, slide show and on the spot drawing competition based on forestry and wildlife and snakes awareness programme were arranged and the prizes were awarded. The different educational material supplied by Zoo Outreach Organisation was distributed to the students and they were very much useful for the students to know more about wildlife and forest. On 05 October a Nature Camp for students of Shri Shradanand High School Poigunim was conducted for 53 students. A daylong programme raising awareness regarding forestry and wildlife as well as quiz programmes and identification of birds were conducted among the students and prizes were awarded. **Submitted by: Ramesh N Desai, Asst. Conservator of Forests, Wildlife & Eco-Tourism (South), Margao, Goa.**



**WWF-India, Kerala observed WLW at KPSMMV HSS in Palakkad. Amphibian conservation was one of the theme of the programme**



**Amphibian posters presented to the participants at the Goa programme**

### Wildlife Awareness Programme during Wildlife Week by WWF-India, M.P & Chhattisgarh

The primary focus of the wildlife week celebration was to enhance the knowledge of wildlife among students with competitions. On 3 October 2011 a workshop was organized on amphibians in Govt. Middle School, Tatri for children of 8-12 yrs were sensitized about amphibians. The packet of kit on Amphibian, i.e. Frogs are part of Biodiversity obtained from Zoo Outreach Organization was distributed to all the participants. The children were thrilled to get the frog stickers and mask of the frog. A second programme was organized in Govt.

Middle School, Indri, Mandla District, M.P, on 4 October where students were appraised about the importance of bears in the ecosystem and how to work out on human animal conflict. The kit on Bats & Biodiversity and Bears, Forest & Biodiversity of Zoo Outreach Organization along with education kit of WWF-I was distributed to all the participants. On 5 Oct 2011 a workshop was organized on nature conservation in Govt. Hr. Sec. School, Chilpi of C.G. Children of 13-18 yrs were taught about wildlife and its importance in ecosystem. A quiz competition was kept to judge the knowledge of the children. The children were told about the role of

bats, frogs and bears in ecosystem and motivated to help in conserving wildlife. The packet on amphibian, i.e. Frogs are part of Biodiversity was distributed to all the participants. The children were thrilled to get the frog stickers and mask of the frog.

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**Wildlife awareness programmes by PUPA, West Bengal**

Paribesh Unnayan Parishad conducted wildlife awareness programme with education material support from Zoo Outreach Organisation and the materials sponsored by Chester Zoo, CBSG and UFAW. During the celebration, wildlife awareness amongst the urban & rural school students was created. The programme was held at Jadavpur Sammilita Balika Vidyalaya in Kolkata on 11 November. Twenty students participated. Headmistress inaugurated the programme and Mr. Arjun Manna, WWF-Sundarban and Dr. A. Misra were the resource persons who gave lectures on wildlife conservation. On 16 November another awareness programme was held at Phulbari Sitala High School in Sagar Island with 35 students. At the end the students played a mini skit. In both the



**Students motivated to help conserving frogs at Bhopal WWF programme**

programmes different activities like group discussion, frog race, a skit, quiz competition shows that this will help in conservation efforts and reduce adverse impacts on wildlife.

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**C.C.M. Hr. Sec. School, Idaiyangudi, TN-Yearlong Environmental Education activities**

National Green Corps of CCM Hr. Sec. School arranges various environmental awareness programmes throughout the year but special programmes were

**A skit implying to save bats enacted by the students at the PUPA programme**



organized during Wildlife Week and all appropriate and special "days". Zoo Outreach Organisation various education materials used in our programmes. They are: Elephants, bats, hoolock gibbon and amphibians. The students made aware of protecting our nature through these activities. Other than this, our students were involved with biodiversity register, setting up bird nest and feeders, cycle users count, weeding, tree planting, medicinal garden, eco library, kitchen garden, plastic eradication programme and wildlife rallies and conducted a seminar to village panchayat workers under Mahatma Gandhi Rural Employment Scheme. In which students used the LMS kits provided by Zoo Outreach Organisation and taught them through a mini drama about global warming and how our lifestyle could be modified in order to live more simply like Mahatma Gandhi. **Submitted by: Mr. W. Joel Revingston, HM, & Mrs. Rani Kiubairaj, NCG Coordinator. Email: thompson\_d70@yahoo.com**



***Village Panchayat staff were taught "Live More Simply" through mini drama & using Zoo's kit***



***Tree planting drive initiated with the help of the students at the school and surrounding areas***